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	DUMMY TRANSISTOR STRUCTURE)	EXTENSION OF TIME
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the non-final Official Action mailed on June 26, 2006. Payment for one month's extension of time is attached. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 if any additional fees are needed to enter this paper, and please advise us accordingly. It is noted that no petition is required because of the authorization to charge, but this paper is a petition for extension of time.

The amendment to claims 16 and 32 is supported in the drawing and in the specification. (The specification is now amended to support the particular language of the claims.) The amendment is also supported in the discussion below. The second-conductivity-type area (exemplified by 27, already recited in claim 3) is formed in the second-conductivity-type layer (e.g., 22). Fig. 2 shows that the area 27 substantially surrounds the source and drain electrodes 15, 16; the area 27 is indicated by dash-dot lines under the metal wiring 28 (numeral 28 appears at the lower edge of Fig. 2) and is indicated by solid lines where uncovered.

The dependent claims are amended to accord with the independent claims.

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